

AIKEN HIGH

449 Rutland Drive
Aiken, SC 29801

GRADES 9-12 High School

ENROLLMENT 1,577 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

2003

ABSOLUTE RATING:

GOOD

Absolute Ratings of High Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent

14

Good

12

Average

4

Below Average

0

Unsatisfactory

0

IMPROVEMENT RATING:

AVERAGE

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS:

N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2001	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
2002	Good	Unsatisfactory	N/A
2003	Good	Average	N/A
2004			

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Percent	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Passed all 3 subtests	68.2	70.8	69.6	72.9	68.4	70.1
Passed 2 subtests	20.6	16.7	16.7	15.6	17.1	17.0
Passed 1 subtest	5.8	9.0	8.3	7.7	9.0	7.9
Passed no subtests	5.5	3.6	5.1	3.8	5.5	4.6

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2003		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Graduation Rate	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
All Students	301	95.7	273	23.8	324	76.5
Gender						
Male	150	95.3	133	25.6	173	69.4
Female	151	96.0	140	22.1	151	84.8
Race or Ethnic Group						
African American	104	90.4	95	5.3	128	63.3
Hispanic	3	I/S	2	I/S	2	I/S
White	193	98.4	175	33.7	193	85.0
Other	N/A	N/A	1	I/S	1	I/S
Disability Status						
Non-speech disabilities	9	88.9	20	0.0	32	28.1
Students without disabilities	292	95.9	253	25.7	292	81.8
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-migrant	3	I/S	273	23.8	0	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English proficient	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-LEP	297	95.6	273	23.8	323	76.8
Lunch Status						
Subsidized meals	80	93.8	77	0.0	105	61.0
Full-pay meals	220	96.4	196	33.2	219	84.0

n = number of students on which percentage is calculated

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Percent of	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions*	23.8	15.4
Seniors who met the SAT requirement	24.5	16.4
Seniors who met the grade point average	47.6	54.5

*Using only the SAT and grade point average requirements

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n= 1,577)				
Retention rate	8.0%	No change	6.6%	7.3%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.8%	95.3%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.8%	Up from 15.4%	7.3%	5.1%
With disabilities other than speech	11.9%	Down from 12.1%	12.1%	12.2%
Older than usual for grade	9.1%	Up from 8.1%	9.1%	10.1%
Suspended or expelled	4.0%	Up from 2.0%	3.3%	2.3%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	40.6%	N/A	N/A	10.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 1.6%	3.6%	2.7%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.0%	Down from 12.3%	0.4%	3.2%
Enrollment in career/technology center courses	961	Up from 861	467	433
Students participating in worked-based experiences	19.7%	Down from 29.9%	32.8%	26.3%
Career/technology students mastering core competencies	66.0%	Down from 70.9%	77.5%	74.9%
Career/technology completers placed	96.4%	Down from 97.1%	100.0%	99.5%

Teachers (n= 89)

Teachers with advanced degrees	47.2%	Up from 46.0%	55.6%	51.7%
Continuing contract teachers	80.9%	Up from 78.2%	84.7%	81.8%
Highly qualified teachers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 92.4%	86.8%	85.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 96.2%	96.3%	95.8%
Average teacher salary	\$40,596	Up 2.8%	\$40,972	\$40,303
Prof. development days/teacher	7.6 days	Down from 8.2 days	9.5 days	10.3 days

School

Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio	26.3 to 1	Down from 29.4 to 1	27.6 to 1	26.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Down from 89.9%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,194	Up 5.7%	\$6,376	\$6,279
Percent spent on teacher salaries*	59.6%	Up from 58.2%	57.6%	57.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Parents attending conferences	72.6%	Up from 63.8%	78.9%	87.8%
SACS accreditation	yes	N/A	yes	yes

* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

	Our District	State
Highly qualified teachers in low poverty schools	N/A	N/A
Highly qualified teachers in high poverty schools	N/A	N/A

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A	Not Applicable	N/C	Not Collected	N/R	Not Reported	I/S	Insufficient Sample
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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken High School offers a varied curriculum. Aiken High School offers the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), ten Advanced Placement (AP) courses, the Academy of Finance business program, and a Career and Technology program.

Aiken High School has experienced many successes this school year. 113 seniors received over \$4.5 million in scholarships and grants. Eighteen students were recognized as Palmetto Fellow Award winners. Three seniors were named Robert C. Byrd Scholars. Four students were National Merit Finalists. One student was named a National Achievement Award Finalist. Also, our students continue to compete in regional, state and national competitions in Academic Team, DECA, FBLA, FFA, and the NJROTC. Our athletic teams compete successfully in region competition and state in the playoffs. The band program continues to receive high ratings in the state and regional competitions.

Students are offered academic improvement help through the National Honor Society tutoring program, the A+Lab, and the after school Learning Logic math tutorial program. Also, students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program sponsored by the library.

Joseph F. Padgett
Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of surveys returned	76	315	173
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.2%	67.4%	76.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.9%	75.4%	59.4%
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	77.0%	79.6%	62.1%

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

DEFINITION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

As required by the United States Department of Education, adequate yearly progress specified that the statewide target is met for all students and for each subgroup of students: racial/ethnic, economic, disability, limited English proficiency and migrant status.